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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/976,054 filed October 15, 2001
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with the Cytokinin Pathway
Applicants: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
Atty. Dkt: 16517.256

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (2 months);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
3. Response in Conjunction with Request for Continued Examination; and
4. Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Authorization to charge the statutory fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination and for requesting a two-month extension of time is given in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/30.

In the event that extensions of time, other than those submitted herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.256. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Enclosures

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